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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING: RAMZI SALMAN

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1. RAMZI SALMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE IRAQI STATE ORGANIZATION FOR OIL MARKETING, TOLD USINT OFFICERS APRIL 6 THAT HIS ORGANIZATION IN EFFECT REPORTED TO THE OIL AFFAIRS FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE. ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD, SALMAN SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND WAS EDUCATED AS A RESERVOIR ENGINEER IN THE U.K. ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVES OF US-BASED MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES, HE IS A SHREWD NEGOTIATOR.

2. COMMENT. UNTIL LATE 1977 THE OIL MARKETING UNIT WHICH SALMAN HEADS WAS PART OF THE IRAQ NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (INOC) UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF OIL MINISTER ABDUL KARIM. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE CLAIMING ACCESS TO IRAQI INTELLIGENCE, REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN BROUGHT OIL MARKETING ACTIVITIES UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE OIL AFFAIRS FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES WITH OIL MINISTER ABDUL KARIM OVER SHUTTING OFF THE FLOW OF CRUDE TO
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TURKEY. ATTACHED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL AND CHAIRED BY SADDAM HUSSEIN, THE OIL AFFAIRS FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE IS THE SENIOR GOI POLICY MAKING BODY FOR OIL MATTERS.
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